



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 18, 2023

9:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on September 18, 2023, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, and Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. List of attendees is attached.

9:00 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments; no action was taken. Letters of resignation were received from Kristi Zinn and Jeff Jenkins.

9:35 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Auditor Will Hutchens was present to request a public hearing for budget amendments. A public hearing was set for October 2, 2023 at 9:10 am to hear comments on the proposed budget amendments.

9:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin presented Nelson short plat for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Nelson Short Plat SP2023-02 and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Dena gave updates for the Planning and Building department, including RFQ's for the Flood Hazard Plan.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tina Bobbitt was present to give updates for the Emergency Management Department and review the various job descriptions for EM employees and the desire to restructure certain positions.

Tina gave updates for the grant reimbursement to the EMPG FY2022 Work Plan. No action was taken.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan, Amber Phinney and Tyler Huff were present. Grant presented Resolution #2023-21 for review and adoption.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-21 Transferring Funds from Solid Waste to ER&R. The motion unanimously carried.



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A discussion was held regarding the condition of the Blue Mountain Counseling Building and the need for extensive repairs.

Tyler updated the Board on a grant application for the Local Parks and Maintenance Program and it requires no match from the County.

Commissioner Hall moved to grant permission for Tyler Huff to move forward with the grant application and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-23 formalizing the Local Parks Maintenance Program Grant Application and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant discussed draft rules for seasonal road closures for Eckler Mountain Road and suggested a public comment session be held on the evening of October 16th to hear public comments. The meeting will be held at the Youth Building.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

At 11:05 am, the Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened.

Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

Payroll change forms were presented for Estassia Collins, Jan Strohbahn, and Jasmin Helm.

At 11:40 am, the Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the payroll change forms for Jan Strohbahn as presented and Estassia Collins as presented and Jasmin Helm pending clarification of retroactivity. The motion unanimously carried.

11:45 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS RCW 42.30.110(1)(D)

At 12:00 pm, an executive session was held for 10 minutes to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d). The session closed at 12:10 pm; no action was taken.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 5 and 11, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the warrants for August warrant #'s 40534-40887 (excluding certain districts) and direct deposits in the amount of \$2,516,837.99. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the 2023-2025 Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's Association Collectively Bargained Agreement. The motion unanimously carried.

Miscellaneous discussions were held regarding letters to the Washington State Legislature.

The Board recessed at 12:10 pm.

6:00 PM - PUBLIC HEARING: FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

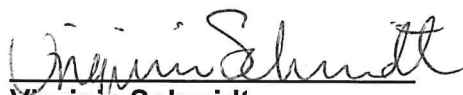
A public hearing was held at 6:00 pm to discuss the proposed franchise agreement by Charter Communications. A list of those present is attached. The proposed franchise agreement was reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2023-22 in the Matter of the Franchise Agreement No. 2023-01 Between the County and Spectrum Pacific West, LLC. The motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment. Comments were received by attendees regarding concerns over the Library Board and Rural Library District.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board



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Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ryan R. Rundell".

Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marty J. Hall".

Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack G. Miller".

Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 9-18-23

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comm + VS		Time: 9:00am
1 Dave Schreck		
2 Carla Rowe		
3 Tammy Ketterman		
4 Diane Dill		
5 Joe Helm		
6 Tina Bobbitt		
7 Grant Morgan		
8 Amber Phinney		
9 Tyler Heff		
10 Dena Martin		
11 Will Hutchens		
12 Kristi Zinn		
13 Dale Slack (z)		
14 Kim Boggs (z)		
15 Melanie Mings (z)		
16 Norrie Gangoire (z)		
17 Jan Strohhahn (z)		9:15
18 Kristen Thorstenson (z)		
19 Dimita Warren		10:25
20 Chrisann Christenson		

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Place/Room:

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Time:

Both 11:00

1 Chuck Belamy

10:50

2 Nancy Laughery

3 Debbie Davis

4 Greg Abramson

5 Jan Strohbehn

6 Delphine Bailey (2)

11:00

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9 Bret Stode

6:00 pm

10 CHARLES DESTER - CHARTER COM.

11 Grant Morgan

12 MICHAEL SMITH CHARTER COM

13 Cindi John

6 p.m.

14 Jessica Buffcorn

6:03 pm

15 Michelle "Mickie" Marshall

6:06 pm

16 M Gemonca

6:08 pm

17 Jean Peters

6:09 pm

18 Grace Pearson

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